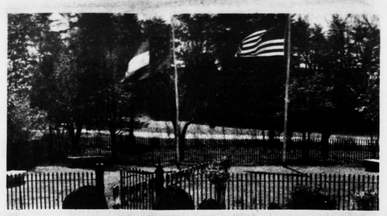


Appomattox County . . .
Yesterday And Today

by Paul Ghiotto

Memorial Day - a day when Americans remember the sacrifices of their war dead - is once again approaching. On Sunday, May 25 at 3 p.m. the Appomattox Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy and Appomattox Post 104, American Legion will gather at the Confederate Cemetery where appropriate ceremonies will be held. The events of this day will be a double reminder of the past since local citizens have met annually many times before in continuance of what has become an old country tradition.

This tradition traces its beginning back to May 18, 1866 when ladies of Appomattox Court House and the vicinity met "at the Court Room" and formed a Ladies Memorial Association similar to those in other parts of the South. The local organization's most immediate objective was to provide a proper, common burial ground for Confederate soldiers who died in the final fighting at Appomattox but whose bodies remained buried in scattered parts of the county. Mrs. E. W. Leyburn was elected president and Mrs. Elizabeth Johns, vice president, in other early business.

During the Association's first eight months it was busy in the search for and the acquisition and preparation of grounds for a suitable cemetery.

Mrs. S. F. Abbitt was appointed to locate and determine the number of bodies to be reburied afterwhich Miss Carrie Hix headed a committee to determine the amount of land "sufficient to inter thirty or forty bodies" - the number originally thought to represent the dispersed battlefied dead.

To assist fund-raising efforts for the project, Colonel Farrar gave a lecture entitled "Johnny Reb" at the Courthouse and donated all proceeds to the ladies Memorial Association.

Both Joel Flood and John Sears offered land with that of Sears, located "upon a beautiful knoll about a half mile west of the Court House", being the one selected. County Clerk George Peers saw to it that this land was properly deeded to the Association.

At the September (1866) meeting, storekeeper Francis Meeks (who himself lost a son in the Civil War) reported that he had cleared the tract of all brush and briers. Messrs. Conner, Rosser, Bryant, Abbitt, Morgan, Burnett and Laundrum, using contributed lumber, then were employed to make the number of coffins required.

Other prominent county citizens also helped. The digging of nineteen graves fell upon George Peers, Charles Sackett, P. N. Meade, J. W. Webb, Robert B. Kyle, George Abbitt, Edward Hix and Wilmer McLean. These men were then assisted by John W. McKinney, John Sears, William Paris, Robert Sweeney, Thomas Legrand and Thomas Smith in the disinterring of the various bodies on November 30, 1866.

On December 1 they were reburied in their new, permanent plots. In a brief service that day, Judge Lewis Daniel Isbell made the principal address and Presbyterian minister G. W. Leyburn conducted the religious services.

A neat plank fence was later erected around the wooden markers denoting the final resting place of the 18 Confederate and 1 Union soldier.

Today's Confederate Cemetery has changed but little since its establishment 106 years ago. With ten of its occupants nameless, it constitutes Appomattox's own memorial to one war's "unknown soldiers".

LOOKING BACK . . .

1. He opposed George Peers in the 1893 County Clerk's election:
a.) Mayor Collins b.) Richard Wingfield c.) Willis Inge d.) Wilmer McLean, Jr.
2. Shoe repairman at Appomattox Court House in 1893: a.) Wesley Merritt b.) Clyde Nash c.) Frank Armistead d.) John Atwood
3. Elected first Regent of local DAR Chapter: a.) Mrs. Thomas Smith b.) Mrs. Shafter Drinkard c.) Mrs. Lelia Peers d.) Mrs. Dennis Torrence
4. One of nine known soldiers buried in Confederate Cemetery: a.) Stand Watie b.) Robert Kyle c.) Lafayette Meeks d.) Miles Macon
5. He once owned the table Grant used in the McLean Huse: a.) George Custer b.) Rufus Ingalls c.) Robert Poore d.) Wade Ferguson

ANSWERS: 1) a 2) d 3) b 2) c 1) a

MRS. MARTIN'S 4-H

Our monthly meeting started at 12:30. First the president opened the meeting and led us in the pledges. Then the recreation leaders led us in a song and game. Next the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. Then the president asked if there were any new or old business. Then we saw some slides of last year's dog show and June is Dairy Month posters. We have to hand in our posters by the last of May. The Dog Show will be June 3 at the old high school on the football field. Then the president adjourned the meeting.

Gloria Ferguson, Reporter

Hollywood

Mrs. Peggy Hartness and Mrs. Freeman Moore, of Phenix, were dinner guest Thursday of Mrs. C. R. Banton. They called in the home of Mrs. Mary Bagby in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam, of Farmville, visited Mrs. W. T. Covington and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence last week.

Mrs. M. L. Covington visited Mr. and Mrs. Norval Bagby Wednesday. We are glad Mr. Bagby is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock, of Richmond, spent Saturday with Mrs. Hancock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman visited in this home last week.

We are so glad Mrs. Elliott Torrence is home from the hospital and doing nicely.

Our hearts were saddened when word came last week that Mr. Emmett Tweedy, of Rustburg, had passed away. He was 94 years old. Much sympathy is extended his loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Franklin and family, Mrs. Raymond Franklin and Mr. Alfred Almond were visitors last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson.

Mrs. Kenneth Deaner, Deloris and Dawn Deaner called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Woodall and family of Lynchburg, Saturday afternoon.

Miss Julia Wingfield, Mrs. Raymond Franklin and the Acteens of Hollywood Church were guest Friday night of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Balthaser and family.

Revival services are in progress this week at Hollywood Baptist Church. Rev. R. E. McDowell of Charlotte Court House, is the guest speaker. We invite anyone that can to come worship with us.

Relatives and friends are very sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Kingsley Woodall, of Lynchburg. We pray he may soon be better.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield of Roanoke, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Justis and son spent the week end in Williamsburg.

Dinner guest Sunday of the W. H. Wingfields were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa and Mrs. Charlie Bagby.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Austin and Tom visited Mrs. C. R. Banton Wednesday night.

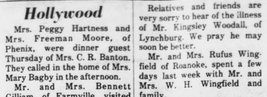
It was good to see Mrs. George Jennings at church Sunday.

We regret to regret to Mrs. Howard Gilbert, Mr. Julian Jenkins, Mrs. Addie Jenkins, Mr. Burr Abbitt, Mr. Grover Beasley, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs are all still ill. We pray each one may soon be better.

We are glad to hear Mrs. Robert Jenkins of Lynchburg, is improving.

Mrs. Arlis Maxwell isn't feeling well at this time. We hope she may soon be well.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins and Mrs. Mary Bagby Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Baldwin and



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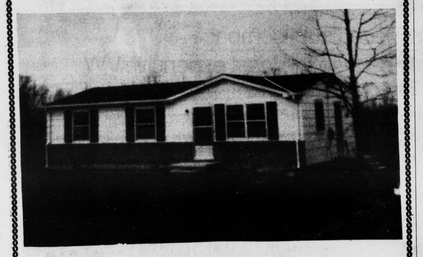

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Mrs. Dillard L. Carroll

Mrs. Ada James Woodall Carroll, 88, of Concord, died Saturday in Lynchburg General Hospital. Her husband was the late Dillard Louis Carroll.

Born in Concord, she was a daughter of Arthur Julian and Molly Ann Gordon Woodall. She was a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Louis Carroll and Jack Dillard Carroll, both of Concord; five daughters, Mrs. Walter L. Marsh, Sr. and Mrs. Sidney R. Rucker, both of Lynchburg, Mrs. John F. Brown of Irving, Tex., Mrs. John E. St.Clair of Concord and Mrs. James A. Monarch of Camden, S.C.; a sister, Mrs. Dudley M. Inge of Brookneal; a brother, Frank A. Woodall of Norfolk; five grandchildren, four step-grandchildren; 13 great - grandchildren; eight step - great-grandchildren, a step - great-great-grandchild and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Bethlehem United Methodist Church with burial in Concord Cemetery.

Dulguid Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Allen Carlton Lucado

Allen Carlton Lucado, 79, of 913 Rockbridge Ave., Lynchburg, died at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday in Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of Georgia C. Lucado.

Born in Appomattox County he was a son of the late Robert M. Lucado and Addie Rush Lucado. He was a member of Calvary Cross Baptist Church. He was a retired employee of the N & W Railroad and a World War I veteran. In addition to his wife he is survived by five step sons, Raymond Garrett, Alex Garrett and Kelly Garrett, all of Spout Spring; Jerry Garrett and Frank Garrett, both of Lynchburg; four step daughters, Mrs. Preston Talley, all of Spout Spring and Mrs. David Jennings, Mrs. Brenda Harper and Mrs. Preston Talley, all of Lynchburg; two brothers, D. Lawson Lucado of Appomattox and James B. Lucado, of Evergreen; 20 step grandchildren and 11 step great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 11:00 a.m. from Robinson Funeral Home with burial in Red Oak Baptist Church cemetery at Oakville.

Big Brothers

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Mayor Pack pointed out that guiding a boy away from problems toward wholesome activities offers great personal rewards as well as service to the community. "Many Big Brothers have developed a stronger sense of self-awareness themselves through their Big Brother work," he said.

The need for Big Brother volunteers is great," continued Mayor Pack. "The waiting list of boys from our community in need of Big Brothers is long. Their future depends on the number of willing men recruited during Big Brother Week."

Big Brothers of Central Virginia is a non-profit social service agency funded by the United Way that began service to the metropolitan Lynchburg area in May, 1972. Bobby Phelps, Public Relations and Recruitment Chairman of the organization, stated that only recently has the stage of agency development been such that residents of Appomattox County could be realistically benefited by the service. A genuine effort is being made to encourage greater participation from the rural localities as there are numerous area boys, aged 8 to 17, growing up in homes without the presence of a father. The aim is to bring to these boys, during their formative years, the wholesome friendship and influence of a mature, specially selected, well adjusted man.

Phelps stated that, "where a boy is fatherless, the compensation offered by a volunteer in terms of a consistent and reliable friendship with an interested man is invaluable. The values that grow out of the Big Brother Relationship have been demonstrated over the years . . . and they accrue not only to the boy but to the man who serves as a Big Brother, and who finds the work an enriching and satisfying experience."

The unique service is that one man is asked to serve one boy in an agency supervised relationship. In this way all efforts are made to concentrate on the difficulties of one boy by one man with professional staff assistance to help strengthen and develop the pair bond. It is felt that in this way, the boy is more quickly able to react to the man's attention and better enabled to accept what is trying to be done for him. The man need not be a professional in any sense but certainly one who is willing to serve his fellow man by expending a little of his time and energy in helping a boy. He need only use good judgement and common sense, an awareness of the youth's problem and a sincere desire to be in every respect a friend, one on whom the boy can trust and depend.

The man is asked to see his boy on an average of once a week, doing whatever comes natural for the pair, such things as a father and son might possibly do. This need not be a major event everytime as a child's life is built on simple things and a man may teach a boy confidence, trust, and greater self-worth simply by a walk in the woods or just sitting around talking "man talk". The committment made is moral, not legal or financial. A man becomes responsible, as a Big Brother, to show a boy through his example what it takes to be a man.

Currently there are twenty-eight boys being provided Big Brothers service in Central Virginia. There are better than thirty boys on the waiting list who are without significant and meaningful adult male influence. The need is obvious, and the Big Brother movement hopes to gain momentum through greater county-wide participation. For further information on how you can help and be helped, call Richard Harris, Executive Director, collect at 846-0400 or write Big Brothers office at 1010 Miller Park Square, Lynchburg, Virginia for a personal interview.

Kenneth W. Lucado

Kenneth Wayne Lucado, 36, of Rt. 1, Appomattox, died Wednesday in Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of Mrs. Sandra Lee Lucado.

Born in Appomattox County he was a son of Mrs. Ruby Lucado and the late Robert Lucado. He was a member of Calvary Cross Baptist Church. He was employed by Appomattox Lumber Co.

Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are two daughters, Misses Kenneth Lucado and Kelly Lucado, both of the home; a brother, Robert Lucado of Appomattox; a sister, Mrs. Ronnie Hall of Appomattox; a grandmother, Mrs. Ada Lucado of Appomattox; a grandfather, Mr. Ernest Lucado of Appomattox; a step-grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Lucado of Appomattox; a step-grandfather, Mr. Ernest Lucado of Appomattox; a step-brother, Mr. Ernest Lucado, Jr. of Appomattox; a step-sister, Miss Ernestine